

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicants have received and carefully reviewed the Office Action of the Examiner issued under *Ex Parte Quayle* mailed February 18, 2011. The Specification has been amended in this response. Favorable consideration of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for indicating that claims 1, 2, 4-12, 14-16, 18-26, 28, and 29 are considered allowable. With respect to the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter, Applicants believe that the claims are patentable for the reasons provided by the Examiner as well as for additional reasons not enumerated.

Specification

The Examiner indicated that the specification was objected to as failing to provide proper antecedent basis for the claimed subject matter. Specifically, the Examiner asserts that the specification fails to provide proper antecedent basis for at least a portion of the braided member being "encased within a wall of the flared distal section" and the elastomeric jacket having "a thickness generally equivalent to that of the flared distal section of the elongated shaft member". The Examiner kindly recognized that the claimed subject matter is fully supported by the original disclosure, and has requested correction of the specification to provide proper antecedent basis for the language of the claims. With this paper, the specification has been amended according to the Examiner's request. No new matter has been added by this amendment.

Conclusion

Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested. It is submitted that all pending claims are in condition for allowance. Issuance of a Notice of Allowance in due course is requested. If a telephone conference might be of assistance, please contact the undersigned attorney at (612) 677-9050.

Respectfully submitted,

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By their Attorney,

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